

Open House
Shelby Middle School
August 14, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome your child to fifth grade. Your child will be on the STRONG* team. This team includes three teachers: Mrs. Ransom, Mr. Siwek, and Mr. Thompson. We are excited to begin this school year in our semi-new middle school. However, we know that you and your child may be a little nervous about having fifth graders in the same building as eight graders. We want you know that our first priority at Shelby City schools is your child's safety, both physically and emotionally. Your child will be sure to have an exciting school year learning new things and making new friends.

During this school year it will be critical to maintain ongoing lines of communication. Your child will be given an agenda notebook to write down homework assignments, due dates, and upcoming projects. There will also be a section for you to write any questions or concerns. Please make sure you check the agenda on a nightly basis. Of course you can always contact us on the phone or through email. We want your child to be successful, but we need your help to make sure he/she is completing their nightly assignments.

Also, each night your child will be responsible for reading independently for 20 minutes each night. By the end of the week, he/she will be required to complete a reading log/journal online. If you do not have Internet access, don't worry; there will be time throughout the week to complete this task at school. Your child will also be required to practice his/her math facts.

Please make sure your child is prepared for this school year by providing the following items:

Needed Supplies: Grade 5

20 #2 pencils (**more as the year goes on**)

1 box of 24 Crayola Crayons (no larger boxes)

1 box of 12 colored pencils

2 spiral bound 1-subject wide-ruled notebooks

2 pkgs. of 150-count wide-ruled filler paper (**more as the year goes on**)

1 3-ring binder (1 inch)

6 folders in different colors (2-pocket with brads)

2 pkgs. of 75 or more ruled 3x5 note cards

1 bottle of white Elmer's School Glue and glue stick

1 pair of scissors

2 boxes of Kleenex (large family size)

1 zip up pencil case or pouch

We look forward to having a great year. Thanks!

Mrs. Ransom, Mr. Siwek , and Mr. Thompson

***STRONG: Students and Teachers Reaching Our New Goals**